

REMARKS

The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended. The separate page for the Abstract of the Disclosure is attached. An amendment to the specification is made also to identify the PCT International Application under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) to identify the foreign priority document benefits of the application.

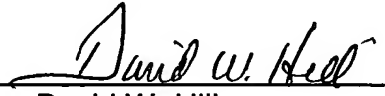
Claims 1-11 are currently pending. Claims 1 and 4-9 have been amended to conform to the U.S. practice. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. The examiner is respectfully requested to consider the above preliminary amendment prior to examination of the application.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this preliminary amendment, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our deposit account.

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